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JIDO

Amyx Gets \$189M JIDO Mission Support Task Order Under GSA OASIS SB Vehicle

GovConWire, Jan. 24

Amyx has secured a five-year, \$189.2 million task order to provide mission support services to JIDO.

GLOBAL AND STRATEGIC VIEW

Can You Turn A Terrorist Back into a Citizen? Wired, Jan. 24

A controversial new program aims to reform homegrown ISIS recruits back into normal young Americans.

<u>'Kill zone' protects troops from terrorists in Mosul</u> Stars and Stripes, Jan. 24

A "kill zone" where Iraqi soldiers shoot anything that moves, runs along the east bank of the Tigris River.

Fears for civilians in Mosul as US-backed Iraqi offensive ramps up

ABC News, Jan. 24

The United Nations says it is "racing against the clock" to prepare emergency aid for hundreds of thousands of endangered civilians in Mosul.

The Looming Islamist Threat... in Latin America

The National Interest, Jan. 24

For decades, the Islamic extremist terrorist group Hezbollah has been able to find refuge and various financing sources in the notoriously crime-infested Tri-Border Area between Argentina, Brazil and Paraguay.

War In Afghanistan: Donald Trump Should Stop Conflict, Withdraw US Troops, Taliban Warns

International Business Times, Jan. 24

The Taliban urged the president-elect to withdraw U.S. forces from the war ravaged Middle East nation, noting that 15 years of conflict has not resulted in favorable conditions.

WORLDWIDE IED EVENTS

Nigeria suicide bomber 'had baby strapped to her back' RTE, Jan. 24

A female suicide bomber who attacked a town in northeast Nigeria was carrying a baby at the time, the country's main relief agency has said.

Roadside bomb kills at least 4 troops in Somalia town: officials

Reuters, Jan. 24

At least four soldiers were killed and five wounded when a roadside bomb that Islamist militant group al Shabaab said it planted exploded outside a military camp in a town near Mogadishu, officials said.

THREAT NETWORKS

U.S. bombings of ISIS camps in Libya connected to Berlin truck attack that left 12 dead

New York Daily News, Jan. 24

The decision to bomb terrorist training camps in Libya last week was made after U.S. intelligence officials determined that they were connected to the bloody Berlin truck attack last month.

Bomb classes and gun counts: trauma of Mosul children under Islamic State

Reuters, Jan. 24

Schools in the east of the Iraqi city of Mosul are seeking to return to normality after two years under Islamic State rule when they were either shuttered or forced to teach a martial curriculum that included lessons in bombmaking.

Official: Taliban launch nearly 19,000 attacks in 10 months Associated Press, Jan. 24

An Afghan Defense Ministry official says the Taliban have launched nearly 19,000 attacks throughout the country in the last 10 months.

How ISIS recruits online — using encryption, chat rooms and even dating sites

KOSU Tulsa, Jan. 23

ISIS uses a wide range of online tools, including TOR, VPNs and encryption, to recruit supporters while staying anonymous.

Iraq army denies taking east Mosul from ISIL

Al Jazeera, Jan. 24

Army retracts earlier announcement that its troops have retaken all of eastern Mosul from ISIL rebels.

INNOVATION AND TECHNOLOGY

India's DRDO Develops Two Explosive-Defusing Robot Defense World, Jan. 24

India's Defence Research and Development Organization has developed two robots "Daksh Mini" and "Daksh Scout" that are capable of detecting and defusing IED on aircraft and trains.

Navy to Fire 150Kw Ship Laser Weapon From Destroyers, Carriers

Scout Warrior, Jan. 24

The U.S. Navy is moving at warp speed to develop lasers with more lethality, precision and power sources as a way to destroy attacking missiles, drones aircraft and other threats.

DRONE TECHNOLOGY

The Selfly is a photo-taking drone that doubles as a phone case

Digital Trends, Jan. 24

The Selfly is a foldable drone packed into a phone case. Pop the drone out of the case and let go and it will automatically start hovering.